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DOD Schools

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant to the DDA

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Chief, Central Cover StaffFROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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1. It has been brought to my attention that the opportunity for Agency employees at FBIS overseas bureaus to have their dependent children attend Department of Defense-sponsored grade schools is in jeopardy. This has come about due to a DOD memorandum reminding school superintendents worldwide that there is the requirement to differentiate between "space required" school billets for dependents of command-sponsored DOD military and civilian personnel and "space available" school billets for all other students, either of other federal agencies or private affiliation. By the above definition, school superintendents at various locations are considering FBIS school billet requirements as "space available" enrollments.

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2. Such a differentiation, which places all of the FBIS school-aged children in a suspenseful situation until school actually convenes in order to determine if there are any space available billets, is an intolerable situation. Those employees now assigned overseas are extremely concerned that their children may not be admitted for the 1985-86 school year. The alternative of private schools is basically unacceptable. In addition, those employees identified for assignment overseas this summer are now having second thoughts about accepting the assignment if the DOD school system is not available for the education of their children.

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3. It is imperative that the Agency approach the appropriate Department of Defense management level that has the authority to grant an exception to this new stringent interpretation of authorized participation in the overseas DOD school system. The Okinawa Bureau operates under the overall blanket of being a United States Forces, Japan-sponsored entity. Our bureaus located at Caversham, England; Manama, Bahrain; Panama City, Panama; and Seoul, Korea have always depended on the DOD school system for the education of the FBIS employees' school age children, both U.S. Staff and Third Country

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National. This dependency continued even after the recent relaxation of the Standardized Regulations requirement of attending DOD schools wherever they are located. That being the case, it would appear totally reasonable for DOD authorities to identify the FBIS bureau as qualifying for "space required" school billets.

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